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Our Ref:

Letter sent to all Responsible Authorities defined under the LA03

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Dear Sirs

Regulating & Safeguarding Boston's Economy

As elected members of Boston Borough Council we are committed to ensuring a safe environment for our residents and wish to work with our statutory partners to achieve the best outcomes we can for our community. Having received ongoing public complaints of anti-social behaviour within the borough and concerns relating to alcohol licensing, a task and finish group under the auspices of the parent Environmental & Performance Committee carried out an in depth review into regulating and safeguarding Boston's economy.

One strand of the review was to meet with representatives from both the Police and Council Licensing Teams. Following this meeting the Task and Finish Group made a number of recommendations which were subsequently agreed and accepted by the Cabinet.

One of the recommendations was that Responsible Authorities be required to give consideration to all licence applications / reviews of licences and be encouraged to take greater involvement by providing clear, concise feedback.

To support this recommendation I am requesting, if you do not already do so, you appraise each alcohol licence application and review received. I further request, where a failure to promote the licensing objectives is identified, and where appropriate to do so, you submit written representation, as defined under the Licensing Act 2003, outlining the nature of the identified failure and suggested steps to remedy it. By receiving relevant representations from our partners, who have the knowledge and expertise in their own field, it will give the Licensing Authority grounds, having held a hearing and determined it appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives, to attach robust and enforceable conditions to licences.

Should you require any advice regarding the licensing process you may wish to refer to the statutory guidance issued under section 182 of The Licensing Act 2003.



I look forward to you giving this request full consideration and proactively engaging with the licensing process going forward.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Skinner', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Paul Skinner
Leader of Boston Borough Council